

PENDING CLAIMS

Claim 1 as submitted is retained, and Claims 2-33 are cancelled herein without prejudice or disclaimer of any scope or subject matter.

Applicant respectfully notifies the Office that a Supplemental Preliminary Amendment which will cancel Claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer of any scope or subject matter, and will submit new claims for consideration and examination in the present continuation application, is being *timely* submitted within three (3) months of the date of filing of the present continuation application. Applicant further respectfully requests the Examiner to telephone the undersigned at the local DC area number 703-312-6600 if the Examiner is prepared for initial examination of the present continuation application prior to the three month date allowed to Applicant for preliminary amendment of applications.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicant respectfully notifies the Office that an Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449 identifying all of the information cited to or by the Office in all prior applications upon which benefit is claimed in the present continuation application are being *timely* submitted within three (3) months of the date of filing of the present continuation application.

ASSIGNEE OF ENTIRE INTEREST

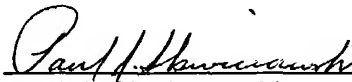
HITACHI, LTD. is Assignee of entire right, title and interest in and to the present continuation application by virtue of the Assignment recorded 29 November

1991 in Serial No. 07/800,255 filed 29 November 1991, upon which benefit is claimed in the present continuation under §120.

CONCLUSION

No Petition for extension of time is appropriate or possible for entry of a Preliminary Amendment. This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted concurrently with the present continuation application, and is therefore timely. No claims or Petition fees are required for entry of this Preliminary Amendment. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper to ATS&K Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (as Case No. 500.30802CC4).

Respectfully submitted,



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